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**Subject: Docket No. 2000-0012 (AWS 567)
Method And System For Signaling Presence
Of Users In A Multi-Networked
Environment**

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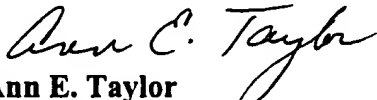
Enclosed is a copy of the above-identified patent application which is ready to be filed in the U.S. Patent Office. Also enclosed are the formal documents you must sign in order to complete the patent filing requirements.

After reviewing the application, please read the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment and Agreement, then sign and date them--in blue ink as your name is typed--on the same date at the appropriate place on each document. Note that your signature on the Assignment must be notarized. Return the signed documents to me as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your cooperation.


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As stated